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DETAILED ACTION

The reply filed on May 10, 2005 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The response is not completely responsive, since one of the operator species has not been elected. As set forth in the second paragraph of page 2 of the restriction requirement mailed on April 25, 2005, the last two lines of that paragraph, applicant is required to elected one of the three listed latch assembly species, and one of the four operator species listed. Applicant elected only the latch assembly species of figs. 1-4. Accordingly, one of the operator species from figures 5, 5A, 7 and 9 must also be elected. Applicant is also requested to closely review and list which claims read on the elected latch assembly and operator species. In the reply filed on May 10, 2005, on page 2, line 8 thereof, it is indicated that claim 2 reads on the elected latch assembly of figures 1-4. However, claim 2 appears to be drawn to the latch assembly species of fig. 6. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment.

EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lloyd A. Gall whose telephone number is 571-272-7056. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian Glessner can be reached on 571-272-6843. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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